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1. DURING COURSE HIS TOKYO VISIT, GAO DIRECTOR MR. FASICK WILL ASSESS SUBJECT REVIEW WITH AMBASSADOR FOR PURPOSES OF MODIFYING AUDIT WORK, AND TO DELAY AUDIT DATE. ACCORDINGLY, CONTENTS REFTEL (B), AND GAO FAR EAST BRANCH APRIL 25 LETTER ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR SIGNED ROMAN, ARE CANCELLED.

2. FOR BACKGROUND. DURING PAST MONTHS GAO HAS BEEN REVIEWING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE BUY AMERICAN PROGRAM LEGISLATION FOR PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO U.S. PRODUCTS OVER FOREIGN PRODUCTS IN USG PROCUREMENT. REVIEW CONDUCTED PRI-UNCLASSIFIED

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UATE DIFFICULTIES IN ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAM AND ITS IMPACT UPON LIMITING FOREIGN PROCUREMENT. GAO ALSO DEALING WITH SUCH ISSUES AS SIMILAR NON-TARIFF BARRIERS AMONG OUR MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS AND THE POSSIBILITY FOR MUTUAL REDUCTIONS. WITH RESPECT TO OVERSEAS PHASE OF WORK (BONN, PARIS, LONDON, BRUSSELS, TOKYO), AND AS ANNOUNCED TO DEPARTMENT, GAO WISHES OBTAIN NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS' PROCUREMENT DATA (DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN); IDENTIFY SPECIFIC TYPES OF U.S.-SOURCE COMMODITIES THAT MOST LEND THEMSELVES TO FOREIGN COMPETITION; AND, IDENTIFY ALL LEGAL AND PRACTICAL BUY-NATIONAL POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF THESE COUNTRIES. KISSINGER

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